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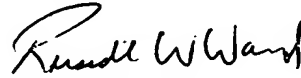
DE 43 09 132 discloses that an electrical contact switch, especially a door contact switch, has a control element (5) which can be moved in the longitudinal direction against the influence of the spring within a housing (1), between limit positions (7, 6) which produce open and closed contacts (18), one end of which control element (5) projects beyond the housing (1) and can be moved and locked beyond the first limit position (6) into an additional limit position (8) which produces open contacts (18). According to the invention, the switching space (19) which accommodates the contact elements (18) is arranged at right angles to the control element (5), and at least one active surface (20) is arranged on the control element (5) in the direction of the switching space (19), by means of which active surface (20) a switching element (21), which operates the contact elements (18), of the control element (5) is connected.

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